

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
DECEMBER 09, 2019

PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING WARRANT, THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM MET AT OAKMONT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 9, 2019. MICHELLE JOHNSON OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. AND A TEMPORARY MODERATOR WAS ELECTED FOR THE NIGHT SINCE KEITH GLENNY WAS AWAY ON VACATION. RON REED WAS ELECTED AS TEMPORARY MODERATOR. THE BOARDS WERE INTRODUCED AND MARY CALANDRELLA WAS INTRODUCED AS INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND THE NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN DOHENY, WHO WILL BE STARTING IN JANUARY WAS INTRODUCED.

ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to the Town Administrator Salary and Wages account (# 0010-123-5110), or act in relation thereto. *(Requested by the Board of Selectmen)*

Motion: *(Rosemarie Meissner) I move that the town vote to transfer from the Stabilization fund a sum of \$ 95,000 to the Town Administrator Salary & Wages account (0010-123-5110-0000).*

Explanation: The \$95,000 is what is estimated to cover the wages, for the rest of FY20, in the Town Administrator's office. This deficit in the TA's office budget occurred because of adjustments that were necessary to hire an interim TA and search for a new TA.

<u>Selectman Recommend</u>	<u>Advisory Recommend</u>	<u>Capital Plan Recommend</u>	<u>Tax Rate impact</u>
YES	TBD	-----	NO

VOTE REQUIRED TO PASS : 2/3 MAJORITY

Article 1 Voted: On a motion of Rosemarie Meissner, to vote to transfer from the Stabilization fund a sum of \$95,000 to the Town Administrator Salary & Wages account (0010-123-5110-0000).

Majority Voted: 2/3 majority voted YES

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to the Town Accountant Professional & Technical account (# 0010-135-5300), or at in relation thereto. *(Requested by Board of Selectmen)*

Motion: *(Leo Janssens II) I move that the town vote to transfer from the Stabilization fund a sum of \$ 44,000 to the Town Accountant Professional & Technical Account (0010-135-5300-0000).*

Explanation: The Town had to conduct two audits (FY18 & FY19). There was only \$ 20,000 budgeted and the total cost for the audits was \$ 64,000. So this article will fund the balance.

<i>Selectman Recommend</i>	<i>Advisory Recommend</i>	<i>Capital Plan Recommend</i>	<i>Tax Rate impact</i>
YES	TBD	-----	NO

VOTE REQUIRED TO PASS : 2/3 MAJORITY

(Explanation:

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	ADVISORY RECOMMEND:	CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:	TAX RATE IMPACT:
Yes	TBD	--	TBD

Article 2 Voted: On a motion of Leo Janssens II, to vote to transfer from the Stabilization fund a sum of \$44,000 to the Town Accountant Professional & Technical Account (0010-135-5300-0000).

Majority Voted: 2/3 majority voted YES

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by borrowing pursuant to G.L. c. 44, Section 7, 8 and 8C as the case may be, or otherwise as authorized by law, a sum of money not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred (\$473,300.00) Dollars, to acquire by purchase or otherwise as provided by law, including but not limited to any and all engineering, legal and other costs related to such acquisition (“related costs”), for conservation, passive recreation and water supply protection purposes, certain interests in property located on Jewell Hill Road in the Town of Ashburnham, consisting of approximately eighty-four (84) acres, said property being the land described in a deed dated March 31, 1917, and recorded in the Worcester County North District Registry of Deeds at Book 338, Page 263, and identified as Map 38 Parcels 9 and 10 on the Town of Ashburnham Assessor’s Maps, to be managed and controlled jointly by the Ashburnham Conservation Commission pursuant to G.L. c 40, Section 8C, and the City of Fitchburg Water and Wastewater Commission pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Sections 39B, 39E and 41, to authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any and all grants, and/or reimbursement funds available for such acquisition, including but not limited to any reimbursement pursuant to G.L. c. 132A, Section 11, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Selectmen to enter into any agreements necessary to facilitate this purchase including but not limited to agreements with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, The Trustees of the Reservations and the City of Fitchburg, on such terms and conditions as are in the town’s best interests, provided that the expenditure of town funds is and shall be subject to the award of reimbursement grants and other reimbursement funding by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, The Trustees of the Reservations and/or the City of Fitchburg, so that the Town is and shall

be fully and completely reimbursed for its share of the purchase price and all related costs of such acquisition, or act in relation thereto. (*Requested by Conservation Commission*)

Motion: To be read at Town Meeting

Explanation: Power Point presentation by Conservation Trust

<u>Selectman Recommend</u>	<u>Advisory Recommend</u>	<u>Capital Plan Recommend</u>	<u>Tax Rate impact</u>
YES	TBD	-----	NO

VOTE REQUIRED TO PASS : 2/3 MAJORITY

Article 3 Voted: A power point presentation was held by the Conservation Trust. The Selectmen and Advisory Board Recommend the Town to vote to raise and appropriate by borrowing pursuant to G.L. c. 44, Section 7,8 and 8C, a sum of money not to exceed \$473,300, for conservation, passive recreation and water supply protection purposes, certain interests in property located on Jewel Hill Road consisting of approximately 84 acres. The Town is and shall be fully and completely reimbursed for its share of the purchase price and all related costs of such acquisition.

Majority Voted: 2/3 majority voted YES

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

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And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant in accordance with the provisions of Section 3, Chapter II of the Town By-Laws by posting attested copies thereof as therein provided.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of November, 2019.

Rosemarie Miessner, Chairman

Leo Janssens Jr., Clerk

John Mulhall, Member

A True Copy, Attest:

Constable

Date

